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LACLEDE GAS COMPANY SEEKS TO PURCHASE FIDELITY NATURAL GAS, INC.

JEFFERSON CITY—Laclede Gas Company and Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. have filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking Commission authority for Fidelity to sell and transfer certain assets to Laclede.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed no later than **November 14, 2005**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360. Copies of the application should be sent to: James M. Fischer, Fischer & Dority, P.C., 101 Madison Street, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; Sheldon K. Stock, Attorney and Secretary, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., 10 S. Broadway, #2000, St. Louis, Missouri 63102; Michael C. Pendergast, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive St., Suite 1520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment may contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

According to the application, Laclede will, following the sale, operate Fidelity under the rates, regulations and tariffs in effect for Laclede. In addition, the application states the manner of providing natural gas services to customers in Fidelity's service area will remain largely unchanged. The joint application states the proposed sale of assets of Fidelity is not detrimental to the public interest.

Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. provides natural gas service to approximately 1,300 customers in the Sullivan, Missouri area.